

## BEAT THE BRUSH

Democrats Hunting a Candidate for Governor.

A Call Is Going Up for Henderson Martin.

A HARMONIZER IS NEEDED

Vice-Governor of Philippines Man for the Job.

Judge Ruppenthal of Russell Is Being Mentioned.

Kansas Democrats are beginning to cast their eyes around for a gubernatorial candidate to make the race next year. Henderson Martin, vice governor of the Philippines, and Judge J. C. Ruppenthal, of Russell, have both been spoken of as available men by influential members of the party.

Many state workers in the party have written to Martin urging him to resign his post and return to Kansas. Martin is known to have written to numerous friends in Kansas, saying that he did not like to live in Manila and that his family were quite anxious to return to their station home. He likes the work that falls to his lot as vice governor, but other conditions cause the desire to return to Kansas.

The Democrats believe that Martin could do more to line up the warring factions of the Kansas Democracy than any other man. He was state chairman when Thompson and Hodges were elected. The factional fight broke out soon after the election and since has been a row in the party ever since. Martin left Kansas before the row became very bitter and he was not mixed up in it as much as some of the other prospective candidates.

Thompson-Hodges Forces. The Hodges supporters already have pushed John E. Wagner of Larned into the race and he is campaigning to some extent. The Thompson forces are attempting to get George Neely, who was defeated for the senate last year, into the race for governor against Wagner and the Thompson followers assert that they will have a man in the race if Wagner continues and the old strife in the party would continue.

It is asserted that if Martin would return next year that Wagner would withdraw and that the Thompson followers would not attempt to get a candidate for their action, leaving Martin a clear field for the nomination.

Ruppenthal Is Mentioned. The Lincoln Sentinel prints the following about Judge Ruppenthal:

"If the Kansas Democrats are looking for a man who can win the governorship next year they can do no better than to persuade Judge J. C. Ruppenthal of Russell to accept the nomination. The people of his district re-elected him almost unanimously last year. But as governor he could serve his district in another way."

"His record as district judge will be his strongest asset in his candidacy for governor and that is saying a great deal, as besides his splendid record on the bench he has many strong points in his favor. He is a thorough Kansan, is thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the state, he fully realizes the weakness of our system of administering justice, he stands next to the people and has always fought their battles, he has never been mixed up in any kind of political row, he is clear, both politically and morally, he is honest and has proven by his decisions that his judgment is unquestionably sound, his decisions for pure justice are quoted far and wide, in fact he is so well fitted for the governorship and is so well known to the people all over the state that his election, if nominated, would be certain."

"Who was Shylock, Aunt Ethel?" "My dear! And you go to Sunday school and don't know that!"—Life.



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## HERE ARE THE YOUNGSTERS!



Forty-Five Boys Starting for the Y. M. C. A. Camp at Maple Hill This Week.

## IN NORTH TOPEKA GREAT CORN CROP

George Young Clears Up the Drainage Situation.

Huge Fish Are Being Taken Out of the Kaw River.

A complete topographical survey of Soldier and Indian creeks was never made or parts of an old survey were lost before the present drainage board came into office, according to a statement by George Young, member of the board. It is impossible, say members of the board, to make any kind of an estimate of the improvements necessary in the two streams without more definite information than the board now has. Mr. Young's statement was made to clear away the doubt that several farmers living in the drainage district seem to have regarding the necessity of the proposed survey of the creeks.

The only survey of the two streams in the district was made by John Rogers under the direction of the original North Topeka drainage board, says Mr. Young. The only actual benefit that can be derived from it, he says, is to get the general direction of the creeks. A number of stations are not included in the maps while information on many are meager.

Members of the board recently consulted H. B. Walker, state drainage engineer. Mr. Walker is considered the leading authority in the state on drainage engineering and now has charge of drainage improvement work in the state amounting to more than \$500,000. Members of the local drainage board were influenced, therefore, to a large extent by Mr. Walker's recommendations. From the survey made by Mr. Rogers, Mr. Walker could make no estimate of improvement necessary on Soldier or Indian creeks, according to Young.

Mr. Young would not say when the survey of the two streams will be made. That depends altogether on the weather and the condition of the streams, he says. While the ground along the creeks is dry, some spots still hold considerable water, he declared.

Mill Creek Has Nothing on Kaw. Mill Creek has nothing on the Kaw river as the habitat for huge fish. From Maple Hill have come reports of a monster fish caught by campers. Come now fishermen from North Topeka with exhibits from the river.

This morning George Smith of 247 North Fillmore street was showing friends on the North Side a catch of comparatively small yellow catfish. Several of these small fish weighed from eight to ten pounds. The record catch this season appears to have been made by Jack Rollins recently. Rollins brought a yellow cat out of the Kaw that weighed 42 pounds.

Notes and Personal. A reunion of the former young people of Fairview and Indiana was held Tuesday at Garfield park. The persons who attended were residents of the villages and farms nearby forty years ago.

Street car service was delayed near Garfield park for a short time today afternoon, when a trolley broke. An ice cream social will be held Thursday night on the J. D. Pratt lawn, 332 North Jackson street, in front of the Second Presbyterian church.

The T. B. B. class of the Shorey Sunday school will give an ice cream social tonight on the O. S. Dietrich lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Deppie are in North Topeka to be with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deppie, 1235 North Taylor street, who are ill at their home.

Isaac De Mose and Thomas Holt have returned from Spring Hill, Mo., where they attended the Methodist conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kraus left Tuesday night for a western trip. They will visit friends in Oregon and Washington.

Mrs. Adam Rayer, 1501 North Quincy street, has returned from Tulsa, Okla., where she visited with relatives.

W. E. Brogue has moved to North Madison street from the South Side. Mr. Brogue is in charge of the work of improving the tracks and roadbed in front of the Union Pacific station.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Crovill have returned from New York where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Penjamin have returned from New York where they visited relatives.

Miss Tina Cunningham of Holton is expected in North Topeka today to be the guest of Miss Ethel McCreary.

E. Roseworm is building a new barn on his farm, three quarters of a mile north of the city on the Rochester road.

Petrograd will install a new sewerage system at a cost of \$40,000,000.

Tin shop at Forbes.—Adv.

Kansas Fields Never Were Better Than at Present.

All Forage Crops Are Making a Rapid Growth.

Kansas corn, where the fields have been cultivated is the equal of any that has been grown in the state, according to the summary of crop and weather conditions issued today from the local office of the United States weather bureau, and covering the week ending August 24.

The weather has been cool and wet, heavy showers having been general on the 13th, 14th and 23rd. More sunshine would be desirable especially in the eastern counties.

The report reads: Corn where clean and cultivated is considered the equal of any ever raised in the state. The early corn has reached the roasting ear stage in the north and is reported nearly ripe enough to feed to hogs in the southern counties; the late corn has made rapid growth, and in the northern counties is tasseling.

Wheat Is Injured. The damp weather is proving injurious to much of the wheat in the shock. Threshing has been much retarded by the damp conditions—in some portions of the state no threshing done. The yield is light.

Third Cutting Alfalfa. The third cutting of alfalfa is well along in the southern portion of the state and is beginning in the northern and is a heavy crop. One report indicates too much crab grass in the alfalfa. In some of the eastern counties ground is being prepared for sowing alfalfa and much will be sown later.

Hay, Oats and Barley. Prairie hay is being cut and put up and is proving one of the finest hay crops ever raised in the state. Oats have not done as well as the wheat, and much of the crop will not be threshed. Barley made a fine growth and is now being threshed, yielding as high as 45 bushels to the acre.

Forage Crops Doing Well. Kafir, Milo and Pelteria have made a fine growth this week, and if frost keeps off, will yield heavy crops.

Early apples are about gone. Peaches are being picked and generally are abundant. Tomatoes are plentiful, some central and western counties reporting them a drug on the market. It has generally been too wet to dig potatoes but where dry enough they are abundant and of good quality. Flowering has progressed where possible but much is yet to be done.

Conditions in United States. Washington, Aug. 25.—In much of the winter wheat belt the week was clear, showers and threatening, and stacking was further delayed, and damage from sprouting and moulding continued.

Flouring is progressing but in some portions the soil is too wet and the work is delayed.

In the spring wheat belt the week was favorable and harvest is well advanced and the outlook is progressing with large yields and is of good quality.

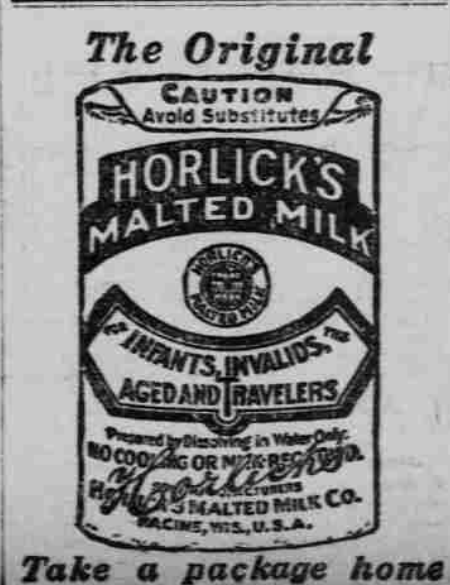
Despite continued cool weather corn made a good growth except in the more northern districts but owing to the backward condition early frost would be destructive. Late planted corn in the southern states was benefited by rains and the outlook has improved.

Tobacco, truck, pastures and minor crops are in a satisfactory condition.

Dictionary All Bosh. Chicago University Professor Says There Is No English Language.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 25.—"Professor Knott vs. English Dictionaries," was the title of the main event at the University of Chicago today, and the dictionaries were all subordinated and sunk by the time Professor Thomas A. Knott spoke.

"It is ridiculous," said the professor, "to worship the dictionaries as guides to English pronunciation. Dictionaries are not inspired works. They are written by Scotchmen and Irishmen who have no authority. Furthermore, there is no such thing as the English language. It is an assortment of languages spoken in one way here, in another way elsewhere."



Take a package home

## AID RIFLE CLUBS

Congress to Be Asked to Provide Outdoor Ranges.

All Americans Should Learn to Handle Fire Arms.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION ACTIVE

The War Department Has Equipped 165 Clubs.

Military Writers Urge the Adoption of Swiss System.

Washington, Aug. 25.—It is expected that the army estimates, when submitted to the next congress, will contain provisions for a general plan of range construction throughout the country as the preliminary steps toward the training of the male citizens of the country in military rifle shooting. High military authorities are in accord as to the necessity of such training for those who are available as volunteers and that any scheme for a reserve must provide also for the rifle training of its members.

Provision will probably be contained also for the proper supervision and training of rifle clubs and the issue to them of ammunition and target supplies. Congress at the last session authorized the chief of ordnance to issue free to rifle clubs the Krag rifles in storage at the arsenals as well as ammunition to be used with them. This ammunition was left over from the Spanish-American war and it has deteriorated greatly. The supply will soon be exhausted, however, and provision must be made for the further manufacture of Krag ammunition at the Frankford arsenal if the rifle club movement is to be encouraged.

N. R. A. of A. Organized. When the new law went into effect, the organization of these clubs was put in the hands of the National Rifle Association of America, which had already done considerable work in the promotion of rifle training among the citizens of the country, and the war department since that time has equipped 167 clubs with Krag rifles and issued to them for practice 643,580 rounds of ammunition. In addition to this there has been 915 rifles and 470 carbines, besides 8,840 cartridges issued to school cadet corps, the same law having authorized such issue.

Rifle training of citizens in this country has become almost a universal factor up to about ten years ago, when the National Rifle Association of America began a serious propaganda for a revival of the sport, having in view the benefit which would be derived from the standpoint of national defense. The association appealed to prominent men of the land for co-operation and received satisfactory assistance from Ex-Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, Ex-Secretary Root, Ex-Secretary of the Navy Meyer, Colonel Robert M. Thompson, Ex-Secretary of War Dickel, and Ex-Secretary Robert Bacon, Seth Low, Herbert S. Handley, John R. Drexler, George Westinghouse, Judge E. H. Geary, and many other prominent men of the country.

In view of the present universal demand for a better state of preparation, the association is again appealing for aid to expand its efforts. It is now working through colleges. Its plan includes a modified Swiss system of rifle training for the young men of the country.

The Swiss System. There has been considerable discussion in the newspapers regarding the Swiss system of training for national defense and some of our foremost military writers have advocated the adoption of this system, overlooking the fact that the conditions in the United States are far different from those in the little old republic among the Alps.

In Switzerland, every male from 16 years of age to 45 is issued an army rifle, ammunition, and equipment which he takes to his home and keeps subject to a call from his country to report to the colors. Practice shooting is principally done on Sunday.

No doubt a modified Swiss system could be very effectively put into operation in the United States. With the ten millions of available young men in this country to select from, there is no reason why rifle clubs should not be organized with selected applicants.

The National Rifle Association of America has demonstrated what can be done with very little funds available for the work along such lines. It has under its jurisdiction nearly five hundred clubs now, with an estimated membership of about twenty-five thousand.

Could Have 5,000 Clubs. With proper governmental support, inspection, supervision and training, 5,000 clubs could be increased to 5,000 with at least 200,000 members and in time this easily could be increased to a million. It is then would be the benefit of the best features of the Swiss system without running any danger from the free issue of rifles.

Before this should be done, however, the way should be paved for the successful carrying out of the scheme by the building of rifle ranges by the government throughout the country where rifle club members could shoot. This is another feature of the Swiss system which we might well pattern after. In that country nearly every canton, which might for comparison's sake be called a miniature state, has a fine, large, well equipped range and in addition there are rifle clubs in rifle clubs which have their own ranges.

Rifle shooting as a sport will never be popular like baseball as it lacks the element of the spectacular but it can be made interesting by competitions—interclub, interstate and national. Such competitions, as the best features of the Swiss system without running any danger from the free issue of rifles.

FRATERNAL AID UNION—NOTICE. All members are requested to attend Wednesday evening, August 25, when Supreme Treasurer T. J. Sweetner and others will be present to discuss questions of importance. Hall 1000-02 North Kansas avenue.—Adv.

Powder Mill Blown Up; One Dead. Cornish, Ark., Aug. 25.—The mill of the Equitable Powder company here was destroyed by an explosion from an unknown cause. One man was badly hurt, the absence of workmen during the noon hour preventing further loss of life.



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## SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS

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Will Hobart was arrested Tuesday evening by Officer Crummer on a charge of assault.

Buy Johnson's prepared wax to polish your cars with. Southwick's, 125 Kansas avenue.—Adv.

The grocery stores and meat shops were closed today. The employees enjoyed their annual holiday.

"Rus in urbs," quoted the Classical Muz, as he pointed to the large and numerous haycocks on the state house lawn.

The jinxes are gradually giving up the ghost in St. Joe, comes the report from the Missouri river town. No such ghost in Topeka.

Gen. J. W. F. Hughes left this afternoon for Chicago, where he will attend the meeting of the Hundred Thousand Dollar club Friday and Saturday.

The theft of a bicycle from A. Weiskirch, 123 Greenwood avenue, was reported to the police this morning. The theft took place Tuesday evening.

J. W. Howe, secretary of the state board of control, went to Lindsborg, Kan., this afternoon to make a speech tonight before the merchants' association of that place.

Tuesday evening was a hoodoo night for speed fiends. H. Alexander and H. Jones are booked at the police station on a charge of speeding. The former was arrested by Police Driver Richardson and the latter by Motorcop Richards.

Final action relative to the reorganization of the Mills Dry Goods company will be taken at a special meeting of the stockholders next Friday morning at 4 o'clock. The plan that was discussed at a meeting of the stockholders late Tuesday called for an increase of the capital stock from \$300,000 to \$400,000 or \$450,000.

The death of J. R. McCullough, who was probate judge of Butler county has flooded Governor Arthur Capper's office with applications for the place. This morning eight applications were received. The men who want to be appointed probate judge are: V. P. Mooney, Dr. C. E. Hunt, C. L. Aikman, J. B. Carlie, W. F. McClintock, C. W. Harvey, Earl J. Shargel and R. L. Barr.

"The Order of the Blue Raz" has been established at the "Big Brother" camp at Buffalo Mound near Maple Hill. Those boys who make a record for good conduct and who do the necessary camp work without grumbling are eligible to membership. Roland W. Seibert, who has charge of the camp telephoned today from Maple Hill that the youngsters are having a great time.

Dear Santa Journal: I am a girl 17 years old. I have been going with a boy friend 21 years old. My parents think a great deal of the boy until a short time ago. So they don't allow me to go with him. What would you do?—Bright Eyes.

Do what you please, Bright Eyes, do what you please! The world is going to wag right along despite your "puppy love" affairs.

A New York Sun reporter who spent a month in Kansas making an investigation of prohibition, reports that it is a failure because he bought drinks of hotel porters in Topeka. Learning that the porters were "bought" and if he had wanted to, "he could have gone out and stolen a horse, and perhaps landed it in Oklahoma and sold it without detection, and he wouldn't have had to be any more of a sneak than the porter was."

SANTA FE NOTES. (Items for this department may be phoned to 2615 or State Journal office.)

G. F. Wetling of the store department has returned to Pittsburg, Kan., after a short business trip here.

L. M. Jones, superintendent of the telegraph department, will return the last of the week from Galveston, Tex., where he went the first of this week on company business.

Robert Robinson, ticket clerk at the Santa Fe depot, returned to work Monday after a two weeks' vacation spent in Detroit, Mich.

J. B. Crowe, chief clerk in the electrical department, is spending a few days this week in Chicago on business.

Miss Josephine Cramer, telephone operator at the shop exchange, has returned from a short visit with friends in Peabody, Kan.

Mrs. Fred Oberer and children have returned from Wyoming, where they have been visiting relatives the past month. Mr. Oberer went to Denver, Colo., to accompany them home.

A. A. Graham of the ticket auditor's office and Mrs. Graham have gone to Lovell, Mich., to spend a few weeks vacation.

Mrs. J. E. O'Neill is spending this week with friends in Wichita.

C. E. Hoover of the freight department with the Union Pacific at Omaha, Neb., and family who have been visiting relatives here the past

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week left today for Enid, Okla., for a short visit with relatives.

H. M. Orr of the ticketing department has returned from a short business trip to Kansas City.

W. F. Amos of the bonus department and Mrs. Amos, who left a few weeks ago for the Pacific coast, are now in San Francisco attending the fair.

L. E. Smith has gone to Chicago to spend a few weeks vacation with relatives.

Fireman Roy Hoover has work as an extra switch engineer at Argentine. Mrs. M. Campbell of Long Beach, Cal., who has been visiting relatives here the past three months, will leave within a short time for Knoxville, Tenn., to visit relatives.

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